Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

68. (Currently amended) A system comprising a solid surface, wherein the surface is attached to:

1) a connecting entity comprising a biotinylated first ligand entity coated onto the surface, and a second ligand comprising avidin, streptavidin or streptactin bound to the first ligand entity via the biotin;

- 2) a biotinylated chimeric MHC class I monomer comprising a human MHC class I domain and a murine MHC class I domain, wherein said chimeric monomer is bound via the biotin to the avidin, streptavidin or streptactin, and wherein said monomer maintains the ability to assemble into a ternary complex with an MHC binding peptide and beta-2 microglobulin.
- 69. (*Previously presented*) The system of claim 68, wherein the solid surface is a bead or a microtiter plate.
- 70. (Cancelled) The system of claim 68, wherein said solid surface is coated with a first binding ligand, which is connected to said monomer.
- 71. (Cancelled) The system of claim 70, wherein said first binding ligand binds to a second binding ligand, which is attached to said monomer.
- 72. (*Currently amended*) The system of claim 70 <u>68</u>, wherein said first binding ligand entity is an avidin or streptavidin bovine serum albumin.
- 73. (Cancelled) The system of claim 72, wherein said second binding ligand is biotin.

- 74. (*Currently amended*) The system of claim 73 <u>68</u>, wherein said second binding ligand is attached to a C-terminal end of the monomer.
- 75. (*Previously presented*) The system of claim 68, wherein said human MHC class I domain is a HLA class I domain.
- 76. (*Previously presented*) The system of claim 75, wherein the HLA class I domain is from HLA-A.
- 77. (*Previously presented*) The system of claim 75, wherein the HLA class I domain is from HLA-B or HLA-C.
- 78. (*Previously presented*) The system of claim 76, wherein said HLA-A is HLA-A*0201, HLA-A * 0301, or HLA-A * 1101.
- 79. (*Previously presented*) The system of claim 77, wherein said HLA-B is HLA-B * 0702 or HLA-B * 0801.
- 80. (*Previously presented*) The system of claim 68, wherein said monomer is bound to beta-2 microglobulin.
- 81. (Currently amended) The system of claim 80, wherein said monomer incorporates is bound to a MHC-binding peptide in a solution.
- 82. (Currently amended) The system of claim 81 68, wherein said monomer is recognized by further comprising a monoclonal antibody that distinguishes between a monomer bound specifically binds to a an epitope present in the chimeric MHC class I monomer bound to a MHC-binding peptide and a monomer that lacks a MHC-binding peptide.
 - 83. (Previously presented) The system of claim 68, which is in a dried form.
 - 84. (Previously presented) The system of claim 68, which is in a buffer solution.

- 85. (Previously presented) A kit comprising the system of claim 68.
- 86. (New) The system of claim 68, wherein for a first period of time a first period is bound to said chimeric MHC class I monomer and for a second period of time a second MHC binding peptide is bound to said chimeric MHC class I monomer, wherein at all periods of time the solid surface is attached to said chimeric MHC class I monomer.